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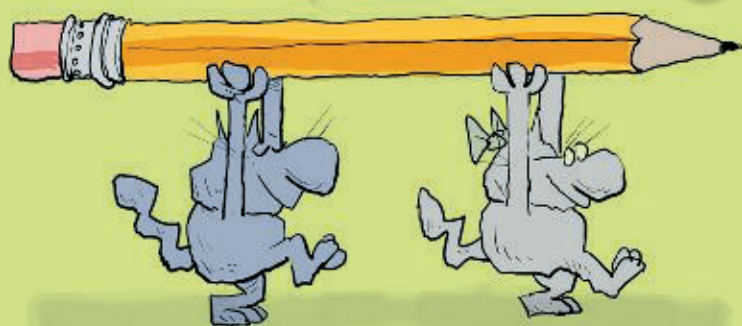


What Is an Adverb?

One book is never enough to explore the **incredibly** wide range of adverbs! The goofy cats **crazily** deliver loads of additional examples to **entertainingly** illustrate the power of adverbs, including phrasal adverbs.

Brian P. Cleary's playful verse and Brian Gable's comical cats **magically** turn traditional grammar lessons on end. Each adverb is **cleverly** color coded to help readers identify adverbs of manner, adverbs of time, and more. Read this book aloud and share the delight of the sense—and nonsense—of words.

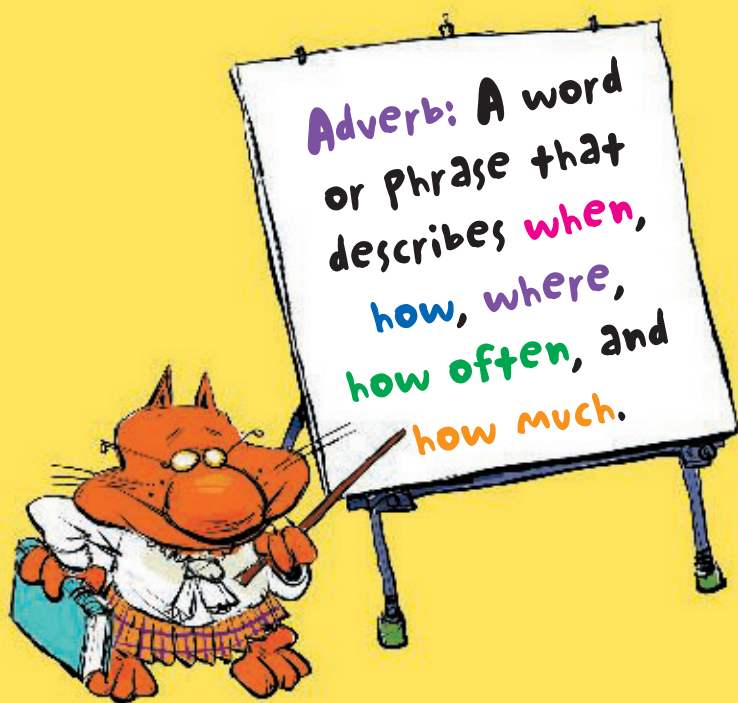
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More about Adverbs



To Brendan
—B.P.C.



Adverb: A word
or phrase that
describes **when**,
how, **where**,
how often, and
how much.

The adverbs in this book are color coded. The colors of the words on this page match the colors of the adverbs in the text. You'll see that all **pink** adverbs tell you when, all **green** adverbs tell you how often, and so on. Watch out for adverbs that tell you how. Some are **light blue** and others are **dark blue**.



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Adverbs **sometimes**
tell us where,

like *these* are **here**
and *those* are **there**.

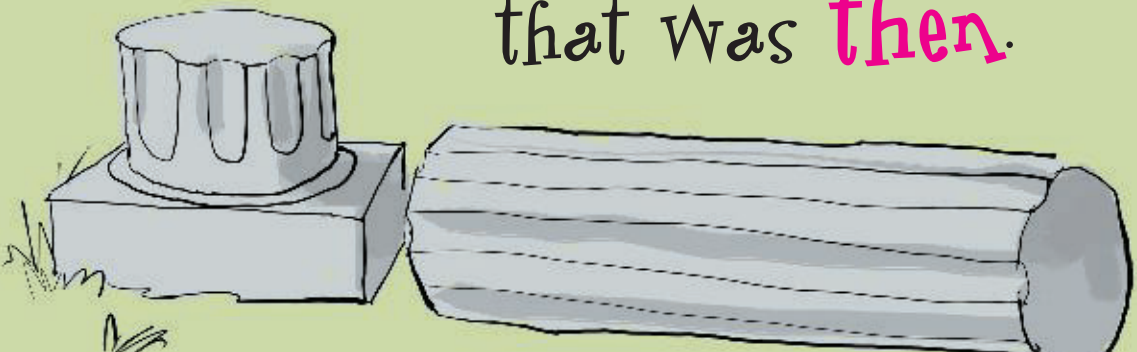


often they will tell us when,

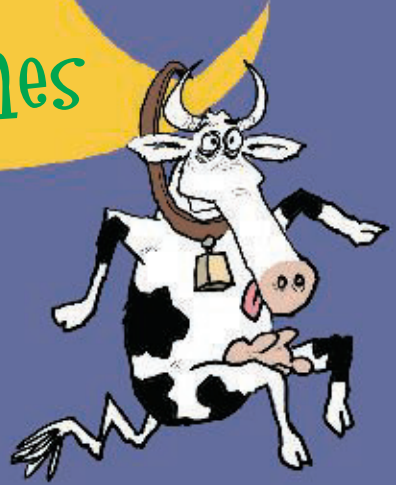


like this is now and

that was then.



Adverbs sometimes
tell us how,



like, "carefully
remove this cow."



They let us know how often too,

as in the phrase, "I **seldom** chew".



At times they modify the verb,

as in, "He **slowly** paints the curb."



Cheerily, she rose from bed.



Eerily, he stared ahead.





Lazily sleeping,

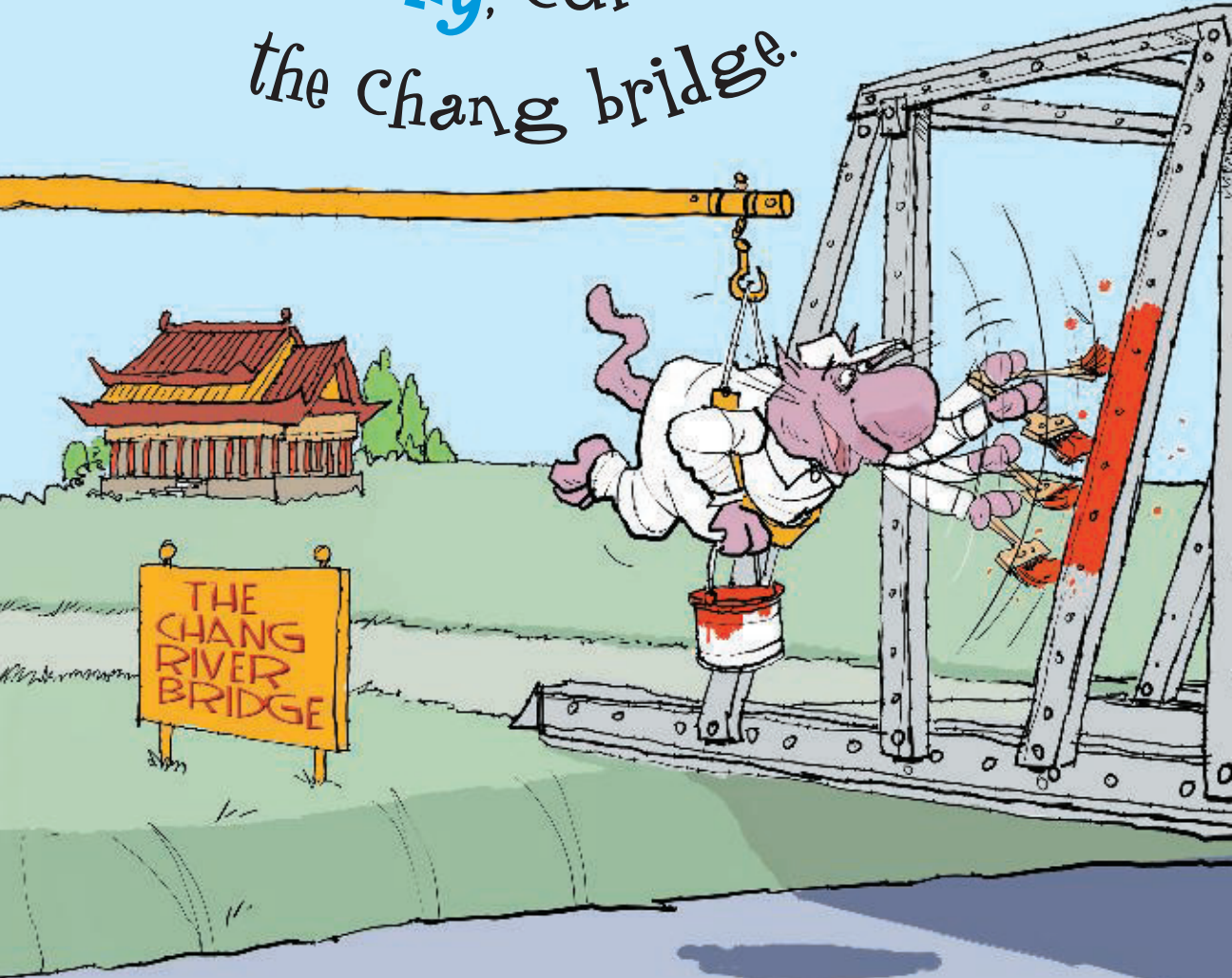
nasally weeping,

a dude eating food

while he's rudely beep-beeping.



Crazily, curtis repainted
the Chang bridge.



Adverbs add all kinds
of life to our language!

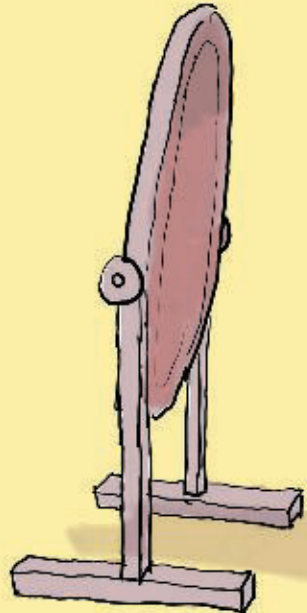


They help give
adjectives a boost,

as in, "This price is
quite reduced!"



Very pretty,



wryly funny,

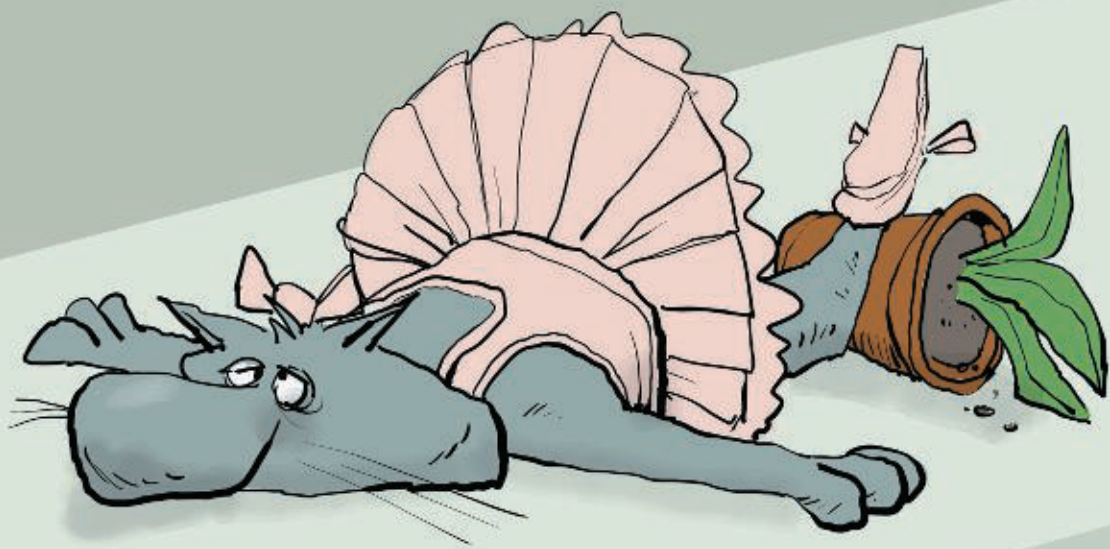


dismally dark,

and blindingly sunny.



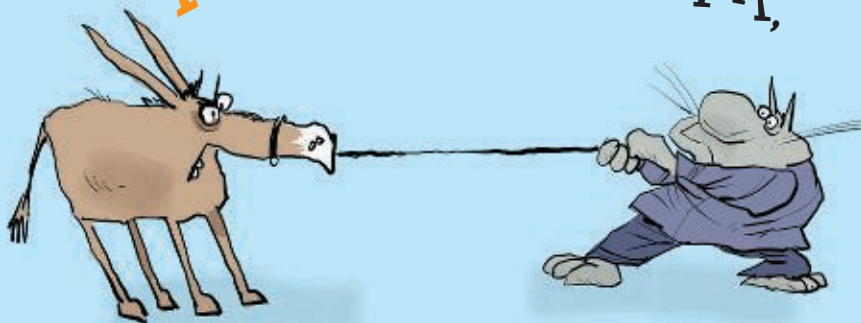
Sometimes "how much" is the
question they answer,



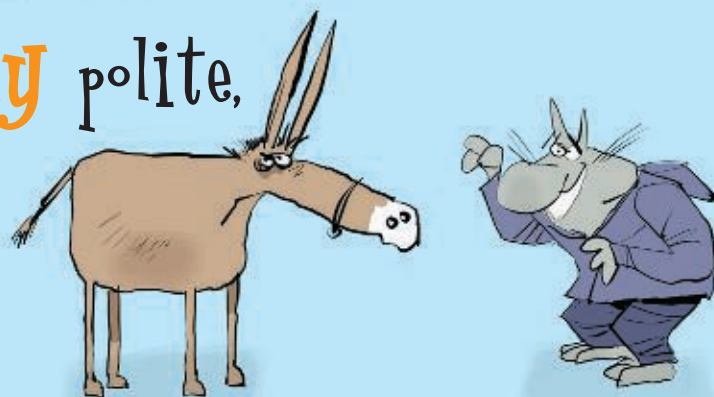
as in, "she's a **totally** terrible dancer."



partially stubborn,



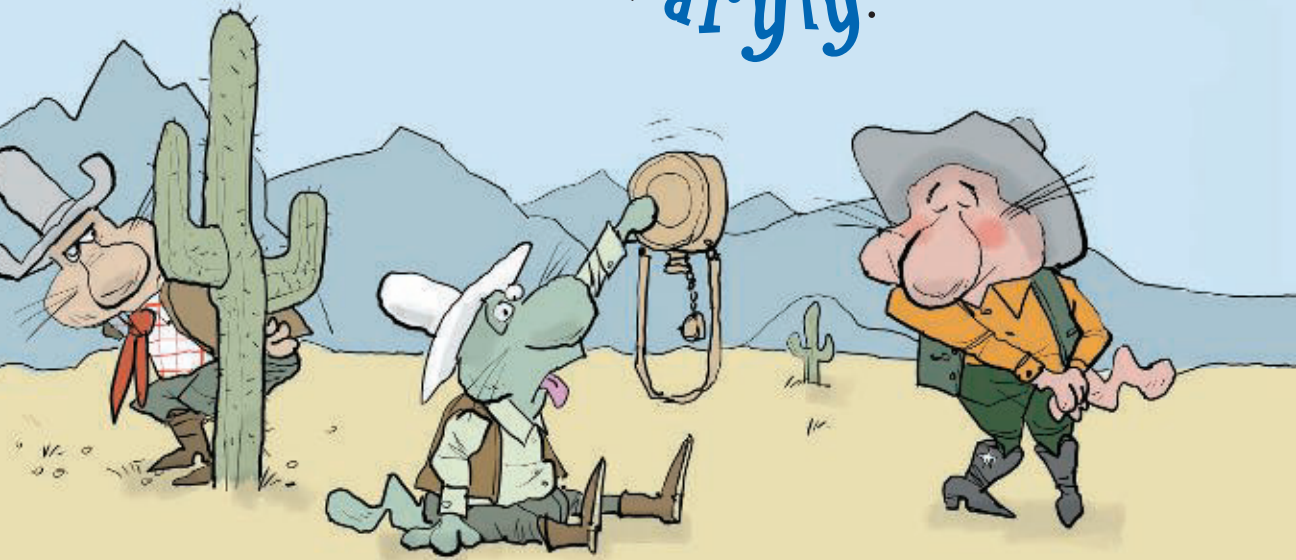
barely polite,



hardly been fed on
this awfully cold night.



Adverbs are words
like *slyly* and *dryly*.

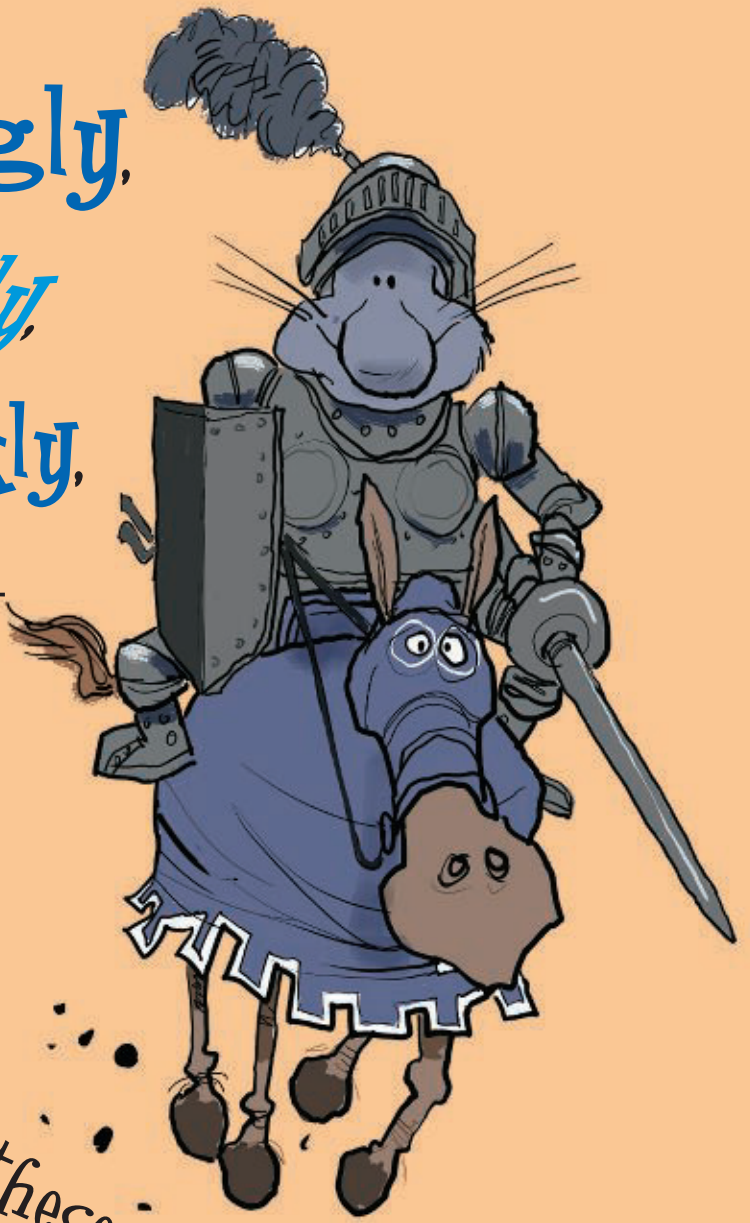


They help tell us more, as in,

"He answered *shyly*."



Daringly,
*dashing*ly,
darkly,
directly—



you guessed these were adverbs?

Then you guessed **correctly**!



So are **bleakly**,

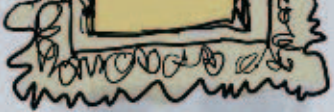
blandly,

weakly,



coolly, **newly**, **somewhat** **chickly**.



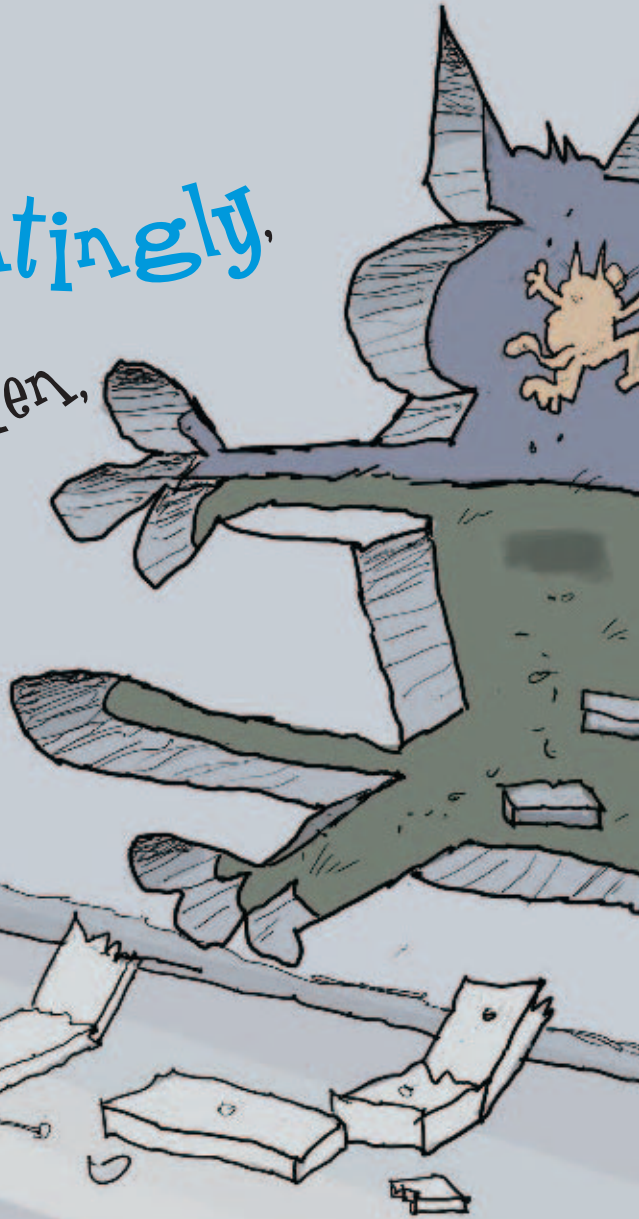


Terribly, tauntingly,
hauntingly spoken,

frantically,

forcibly,

physically broken.



Sometimes adverbs
come in phrases,



like, *for a while*,
she built these mazes.

In the meantime,
he got
lost.

Here and
there,

you'll find
some frost.



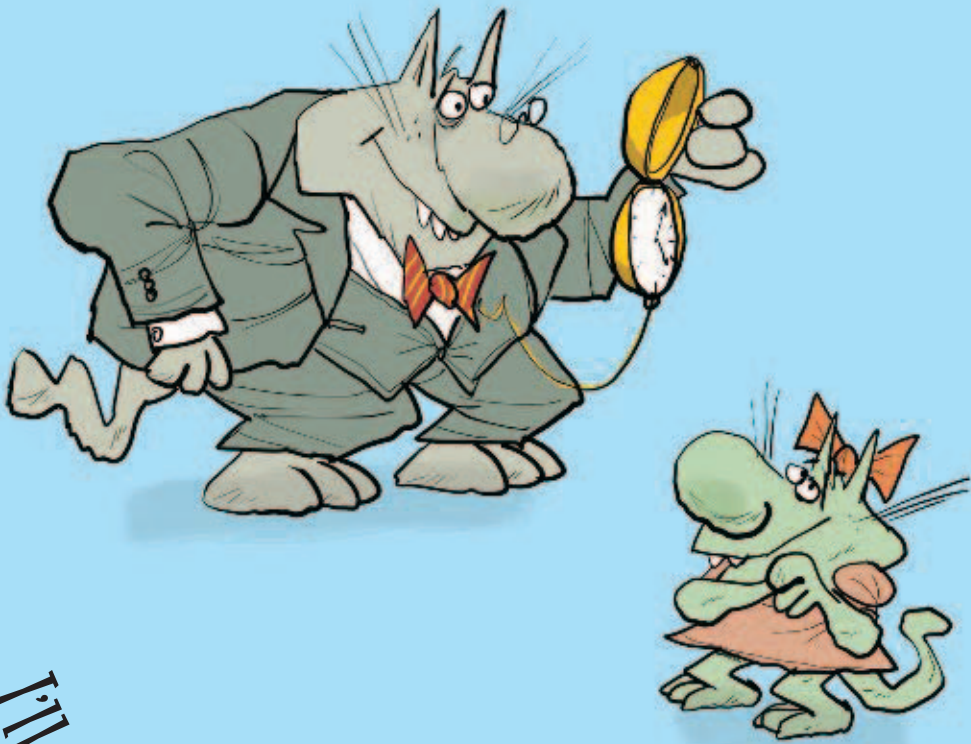
But What about words like
today and *tomorrow*,

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recently, *soon*, or *tonight*?

If you said these terms
are all **adverbs** of time,



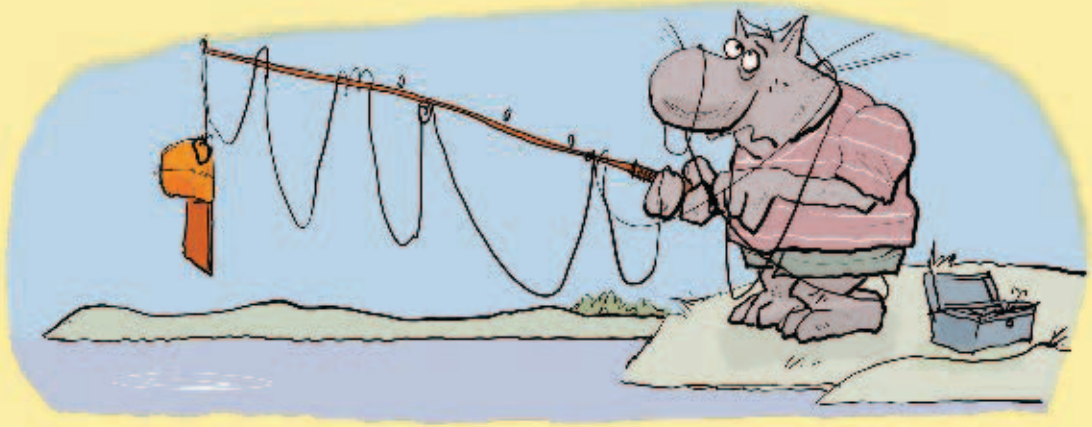
I'll tell you **right now** that you're right!

If we had no adverbs,
then we couldn't say
that this was done **neatly**

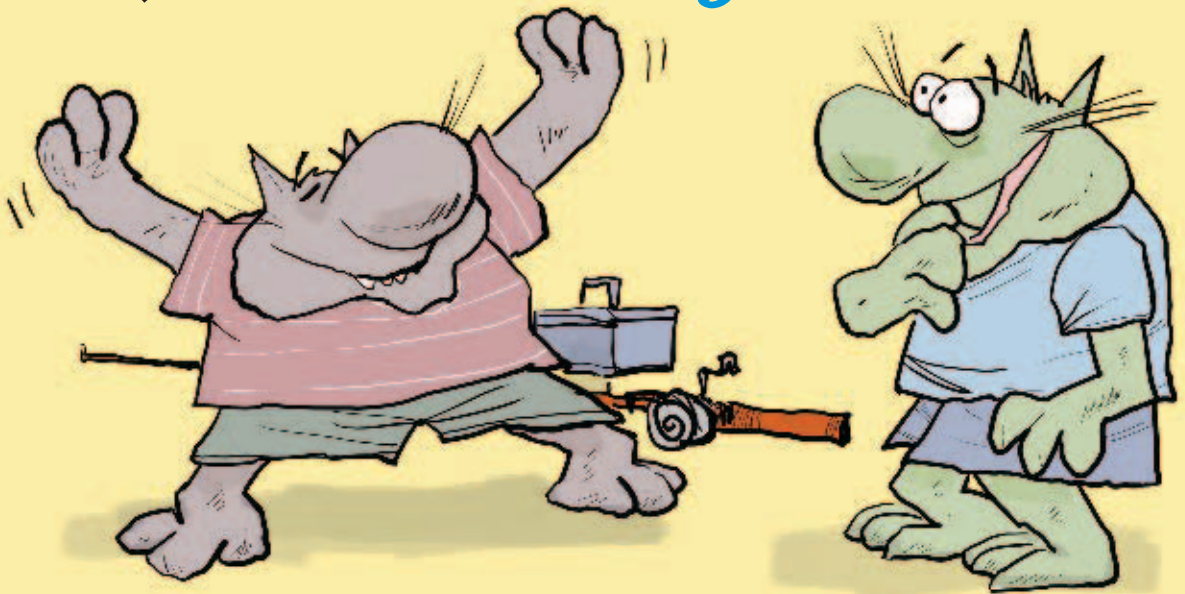


or **sweetly**.





We couldn't say loosely
or rather obtusely.



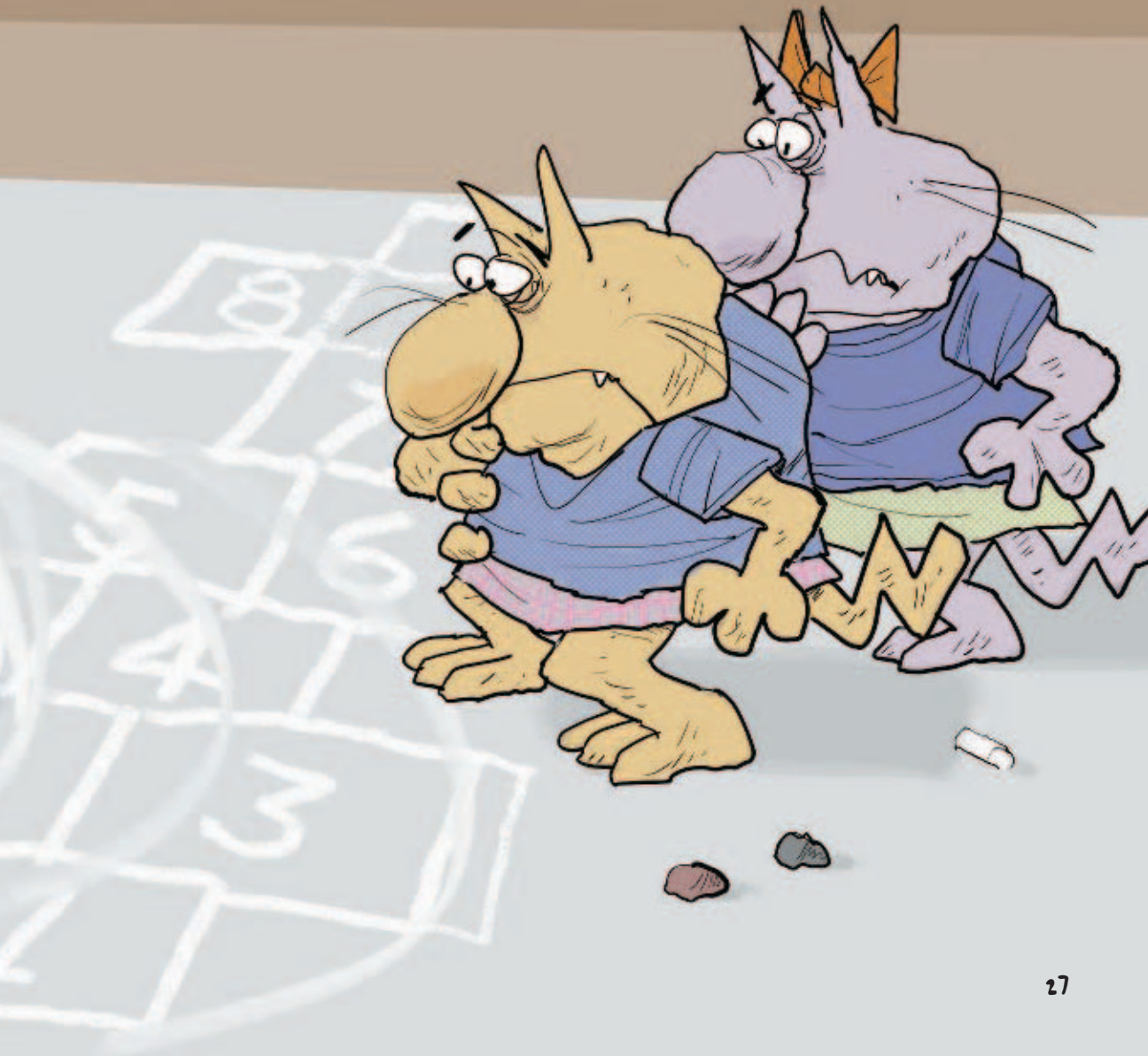
We'd describe things
a bit less completely.

We couldn't say Natalie,
acting quite brattily,



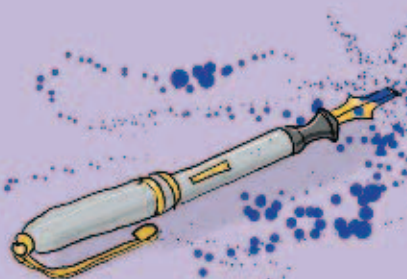
cattily called me a name.

We couldn't say, *chattily*, *nastily*,
Natalie *rottenly* ruined our game.

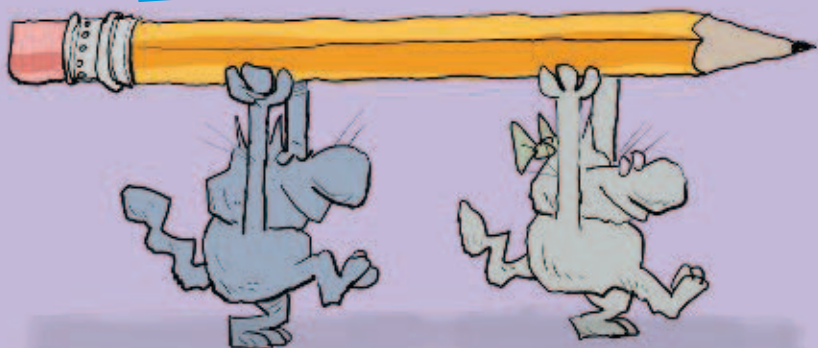


So write all the **adverbs** you
know on a page.

Write **sloppily**,



HUGELY,



or **tinyly**.





Boastfully, blissfully,
make out a list for me.
You've learned what an
adverb is—**finally!**

So, what is an adverb?

Do you know?







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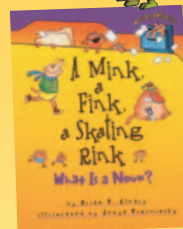
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